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Use **of Ground Water**

314. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a Model Bill on ground water as reported in the Indian Express of 2nd May, 1989; if so, what are its salient features; and

(b) what steps Government pro pose to take to reagulate unautho rised use of ground water and also to control the use of ground water for drilling purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : {a) In 1970 the Government of India circulated a Model Groundwater (Control & Regulation) Bill to the State Governments for controlling indiscriminate withdrawal of groundwater and scientific regulation of the development of ground water resources. The salient features of the Bill are :

(1) Creation of a Ground Water Authority to administer the legislation.

(2) Empowering the State Govern ment to regulate, in public interest the extraction or use of ground wa ter in any form, in any area so notified, based on a report from the Ground Water Authority of the State.

(3) Requiring permission from the State Ground Water Authority for grant of permit for drilling a well in the notified area for any purpose other than exclusively for domestic use.

(4) Registration of the existing users in the notified area.

(5) Grant or refusal of permit by the Ground Water Authority based on certain criteria and after providing opportunity to the person concerned to express his views.

(6) Regulation of drilling activity in the notified area.

(7) Grant of licence for sinking wells and tubewells and for modi- fication of permit or licence or cancellation thereof under certain circumstances. '

(8) Provision for penalty and appeal.

(b) Irrigation being a State subject, the State Governments have been agian advised recently to adopt suitable leglislation to control and regulate the use of Ground water, as envisaged in the above Model Bill.

Registration of **political parties**

315. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of political parties which have appllied for registration as per the requirement of am aided Representation of the People Act till date ; and

(b) what is the last date for the registration of political parties in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ) : (a) The names of the political parties which have applied to the Election Commission for registration under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, are contained in the statement attached. *(See* below).

(b) The existing political parties have to apply for registration on or before 14th August, 1989. Newly formed political parties have to apply within thirty days of their formation.

Statement

Names of parties that have applied for registration as political parties under section 29A *of the Representation of the People Act,* 1951 *as on 17th July,* 1989

1. Communist Party of India (Marxist)

2. Janata Party (Indu Bhai Patel Group)

3. Lok Dal (Shri Ram Naresh Kushwaha, President)

4. All India Anna Dravida Munetra Kazhagam

5. Goa Congress

6. Maharashtravadi Gomantak

7. Sikkim Sangram Parishad

8. Bharatiya Republican Paksha

9. Doordarshi Party

10. Bhartiya Rashtriya Jan Jag-ran Congress Party

11. Bhartiya Lok Tentrik Maz-door Dal and All India Labour Party

12. Bahujan Samaj Parishad

13. Bharat Nirudyod Party

14. Gomant Lok Pokx

15. Lok Party

16. Orissa Khandayat Khetriya Krusak Gana Parishad

17. Hull Jharkhand Party

18. Jammu and Kashmir Awami National Conference

19. Kannada Desha Party

20. Karnataka Rajya Ryota Sangha

21. Tamizhagha Manvar Puratchi Kazhagam

22. The Labour and Job Seeker Party of India

23. Republican Party of India Presideum

24. United Bodo Nationalist Liberation Front

25. Jharkhand Party

26. All India Justice Party

27. Manipur People's Council

28. Congress for Capitalistic Orientation and other Nehru Policies

29. Socialist Labour League

Rape cases **in Delhi**

316. SHRI SHAMIM HAS-HMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been six reported cases of rape during the last three months in Delhi ; and

(b) whether any record of rapes all over the country are kept Statewise and if so, what are the details thereof for the last three year indicating how this situation is being tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) 48 cases of rape have been reported during the last three montns.

(b) Yes, Sir. Details are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below). Stern legal action is taken against the culprits as per law to have a deterrent effect.